

JOINT COMMITTEE for ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSING
Alabama Board of Nursing and Alabama Board of Medical Examiners
770 Washington Ave
Montgomery, Alabama

Fiscal Year 2017
July 18, 2017
Scheduled Meeting

1. CALL TO ORDER

Beverly Jordan, MD, acting chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm on July 18, 2017.

Joint Committee members present:

Natalie Baker, DNP, CRNP
Sheila Lopez, CNM
Kathleen Rhodes, DNP, MSN, RN, CRNP
Beverly Flowers Jordan, MD
Dick Owens, MD

Staff members present:

The Alabama Board of Nursing:

Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN, Nurse Consultant for Advanced Practice
Peggy Benson, Executive Officer, NE-BC, MSN, MSHA, RN
Sharon Tubbs, Administrative Assistant

The Alabama Board of Medical Examiners:

Pat Ward, Collaborative Practice Consultant
Amy Wybenga, Collaborative Practice Consultant

Joint Committee Visitors

Allyson Hill, PA-C, Assistant Director Advanced Practice Providers, APP Credentialing Chair
Eileen Myer, CRNP, Assistant Director Advanced Practice
John Patrick Selph, MD, Assistant Professor Department of Urology (left at 7:49 pm)
Morgan Burke, CRNP (left at 7:49 pm)
Susan Alexander, CRNP
April Garrigan, CRNP
Somali Nguyen, CRNP

2. DECLARATION OF QUORUM

A quorum was declared with 3 nurse members and 2 physician members present.

3. STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE WITH OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Prior notice of this meeting was given in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

4. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On July 18, 2017, Dr. Baker moved that the Committee adopt the Agenda as presented to include the modifications for adding in Item 7 D Critical Care Skill Requests and Trauma Center Designation and Amended Item 8. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

5. REVIEW OF MINUTES

On July 18, 2017, Dr. Baker moved that the Joint Committee adopt the minutes of May 16, 2017, as presented. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

6. OLD BUSINESS

A. CRNP and CNM Annual Skills Review

The procedures listed have been reviewed by the Joint Committee of the Alabama Board of Nursing and the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners, as defined in ABN Administrative Code 610-X-5-.11 for Certified Registered Nurse Practitioners, and 610-X-5-.22 for Certified Nurse Midwives. Nurse Practitioners in designated specialties may request these procedures within specific certifications. The rating number indicates the general decision of the committee. Decisions on specific protocol for an individual CRNP may vary from this reference list.

Ms. Daniel presented a revised CRNP and CNM Annual Skills Review listing in which specialty items have been realigned and all items that involve standard protocol have been removed.

On July 18, 2017, Dr. Owens moved that the Joint Committee approve the revised CRNP and CNM Additional Procedure/Skill Listing as written. Dr. Baker seconded. Motion carried without objection.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Appointment of Joint Committee Members

The Alabama Board of Nursing appointed Kathleen "Katie" Rhodes, DNP, MSN, RN, Family Nurse Practitioner to serve on the Joint Committee for APN as the designated RN. She is filling the unexpired term of Dawn Daniel; term ends September 30, 2019. Dr. Rhodes is eligible for re-appointment.

The Alabama Board of Nursing appointed Sheila Lopez, CNM to serve on the Joint Committee for APN as the designated CNM. She is filling the unexpired term of Melissa Hatter, CNM; term ends September 30, 2017. Ms. Lopez is eligible for re-appointment.

On July 18, 2017, the Joint Committee members received as information.

B. UAB Urology

Joint Committee members discussed whether cystoscopy and Xiaflex injection are within the legal scope of practice for a certified registered nurse practitioner with documented education, training and experience.

Ms. Daniel informed the Joint Committee that the Alabama Board of Nursing did hear a presentation from the NP and MD requesting these additional skills and agreed that this was within the scope of practice and is now being brought to the Joint Committee for review.

Ms. Burke, CRNP and Dr. Selph, MD introduced themselves and answered all questions brought forth by the Joint Committee members regarding cystoscopy and Xiaflex injections.

Dr. Selph assured the Joint Committee members that there would never be a time where the CRNP would be performing a cystoscopy without a urologist being in the clinic. Dr. Selph shared that there is no number of index cases for basic cystoscopy, but the ACGME does require 100

operating procedures. He estimates performing 6-10 cystoscopies per week and believes a well-trained third-year medical student who has completed 100 cystoscopies would be competent to perform the procedure independently.

Dr. Jordan recommended that if the ACGME requires 100 procedures, that should also be the minimum number of supervised procedures required before allowing procedures to be performed independently by CRNP.

Dr. Owens agreed with Dr. Jordan on minimum requirement of 100 supervised procedures and stated that we should be mindful that we are setting a precedent for the whole state.

Discussion moved to the request for Xiaflex injections and included the fact that Xiaflex does require a REMS course when used for Peyronie's disease. There is a 25% complication rate associated with Xiaflex injections as a result of bruising at the injection site.

For future consideration, Dr. Jordan recommended obtaining input from Urologists practicing outside the academic setting regarding their need to teach mid-levels to perform procedures in their practice setting. Is there enough volume to complete initial training and maintain annual competence?

On July 18, 2017, Dr. Baker moved that the Joint Committee approve the application for Cystoscopy with requirements of 100 supervised procedures and limited to the UAB Academic Center. Dr. Rhodes seconded. Motion carried, receiving three affirmative votes and two negative votes, and will go to the Board of Medical Examiners as a recommendation.

On July 18, 2017, Dr. Baker moved that the Joint Committee approve the application for Xiaflex Injections for treatment of Peyronie's penile plaques as written in the application with requirements of ten supervised procedures, two annual supervised procedures to assess competency and limited to the UAB Academic Center. Dr. Rhodes seconded. Motion carried without objection.

C. Carena Medical Providers

Carena Medical Providers is part of Carena, Inc and contracts with large healthcare systems across the country to deliver episodic care to patients via phone and webcam 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. In Alabama, Carena has contracted with St. Vincent's Health System, a member of Ascension, the largest non-profit health system in the US.

The nature of the practice in Alabama is strictly telemedicine. Providers work from home and have equipment set up to virtually meet with clients.

Physicians and NPs are arranged in pods for the purpose of virtual consultation. Quality reviews are conducted on a quarterly basis during face-to-face meetings at the home office in Seattle, Washington.

Ms. Daniel presented an overview of Carena Medical Providers and contacted Julie Smith, Director of Virtual Clinic Operations, and Dr. Robert Bernstein, MD, MPH, Vice President for Clinical Affairs, via telephone to answer all questions brought forth by the Joint Committee Members.

Ms. Smith and Dr. Bernstein shared that clients engage in an "appointment" via a web portal or a phone app and there are options to transmit digital images to the providers. Carena is finding the client population to be individuals in their the mid to late 30s, mostly healthy, and without a primary care manager. Carena makes healthy lifestyle recommendations and assists clients to find a primary care provider. The appointment emphasis is consultation and not merely

prescription service. Dr. Bernstein reports the prescription rate with appointments is 45%, which is less than the average; no controlled substances are prescribed. All encounters are recorded in an electronic health record. The Virtual Practice Guidelines are used for QA, which consists of a blinded peer chart review each quarter.

On July 18, 2017, the Joint Committee members received as information.

D. Critical Care Skill Requests and Trauma Center Designation

Pat Ward presented research regarding the requirements for becoming a Level I or Level II Trauma Center in Alabama.

The Board of Medical Examiners is looking at these designations and discussing the possibility that in the future approval or denial of request that are outside the current approved guidelines will be based on the institution being designated as either a Level I or Level II Trauma Center.

On July 18, 2017, the Joint Committee members received as information.

8. APPLICATIONS FOR COLLABORATIVE PRACTICE

The roster includes all collaborative practice applications that were complete by June 23, 2017, for Collaborative Practice agreements.

A. Withdrawn/Terminated Collaborations

As of June 23, 2017, the following applicants Withdrew or Terminated Temporary Approval before or after the publication of the Joint Committee agenda.

Prior to publication of the roster (not listed on the roster)

Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
04/28/2017 to 05/24/2017	Monica Leah Thompson	1-091082	Muhammad Husainy	DO1446
05/30/2017 to 06/19/2017	Cynthia Evans	1-088599	Robert Bloome	DO704
06/01/2017 to 06/20/2017	Terri Dunson	1-088422	Robert Bloome	DO704
06/16/2017 to 06/21/2017	Windy Boatright	1-108981	Boyed Harrison	MD10063
05/23/2017 to 06/28/2017	Theresia Roach	1-092699	Timothy Ashley	MD34205

After publication of the roster

Item Number	Period	Nurse	RN License	Physician	Physician License
28-1	05/05/2017 to 07/08/2017	Goddard, Lauren	1-133873	Brown, Edgar	MD9630

On July 18, 2017, Dr. Owens moved that the Joint Committee approve the applications for collaborative practice for the period from date of temporary approval through date of withdrawal or termination, as stated. Dr. Baker seconded. Motion carried without objection.

B. Applications for Full Review

The applications for Full Review include remote site locations without a covering physician and requests for additional skills.

1. Items 1-1 thru 73-1, Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, and/or Remote Locations.

On July 18, 2017, Dr. Baker moved that the Joint Committee approve the collaborative practice agreements for Standard Protocol, Standard Formulary, with Remote Locations, Items 1-1 thru 73-1 as listed on the roster, excluding items(s): Item8A, which was terminated. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

2. Items 74-3 thru 87-3, Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, and/or Additional Locations, Duties.

On July 18, 2017, Dr. Baker moved that the Joint Committee approve Modify Existing Collaborative Practice, and/or Additional Locations, Duties, as listed on the roster. Dr. Owens seconded. Motion carried without objection.

9. INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS

A. Proposed 2018 Joint Committee Meeting Dates

The Joint Committee is required to meet at least annually. Generally, the Committee meets five or six times per year and as needed to review applications and conduct necessary business. The date, time and location of each meeting will be posted on the website for the Secretary of State at least two weeks prior to the meeting date, in compliance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act. A quorum of two nurse members and two physician members must be present for the Committee to convene and conduct business.

When feasible, the Joint Committee meets on the same day as BME Credentials while the physician members are in Montgomery. The 2018 Proposed Schedule for Joint Committee includes meeting dates in January, March, May, July, September and November.

Ms. Daniel presented the Joint Committee with proposed 2018 Joint Committee meeting dates and stated that this will come back in the September Joint Committee meeting to set dates for 2018.

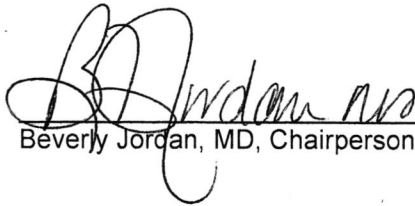
On July 18, 2017, Joint Committee members received the report as information.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the Joint Committee will be on Tuesday September 19, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the Alabama Board of Medical Examiners located on 848 Washington Ave, Montgomery, Alabama.

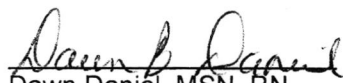
11. **ADJOURNMENT**

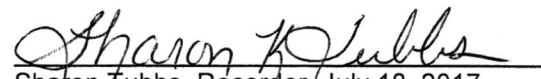
Dr. Jordan moved for adjournment. Dr. Baker seconded. The Joint Committee meeting adjourned at 7:41 pm on July 18, 2017.


Beverly Jordan, MD, Chairperson

9.18.17
Date of Approval

Submitted by:


Dawn Daniel, MSN, RN
Alabama Board of Nursing


Sharon Tubbs, Recorder, July 18, 2017
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